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Resource Advisory Committee to meet

Roseburg, Ore. – The Roseburg District Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Committee will be having a meeting on Monday April 15th, 2002 and Monday April 22, 2002 to discuss and approve remaining projects funded with year 2001 title II dollars. The meetings are held from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Bureau of Land Management office auditorium on 777 Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon.

The Roseburg Resource Advisory Committee has already approved 1.1 million dollars toward a variety of projects including forest health, watershed enhancement, road improvement, recreation opportunities, Northwest Youth Corp and Oregon Youth Corp. work, and fish and wildlife habitat on BLM-administered lands in Douglas County.

The Committee is one of five established in western Oregon Bureau of Land Management districts that contain Oregon & California (O&C) Grant Lands and Coos Bay Wagon Road lands. These Committees, as provided in the Secure Rural Schools and Self-Determination Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-393), will review and recommend projects to the BLM using nearly \$8 million dollars.

Projects proposed by local citizens for next fiscal years money should be submitted to the BLM or Douglas County by June 1, 2002.

The Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 establishes a six-year payment schedule to local counties in lieu of funds derived from the harvest of timber on federal lands, which have dropped dramatically over the past 10 years. The Act creates a new mechanism for local community collaboration with federal land management activities in the selection of projects to be conducted on federal lands or that will benefit resources on federal lands using O&C/County funds under Title II of the Act.

For more information about the title II money or the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act please log on to www.blm.or/roseburg or call Jake Winn or E.Lynn Burkett on 541-440-4930.